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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR EXAMINERS
COMMITTEE OF THE STATE BOARD OF
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY
EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
APPLICATION OF	:	Administrative Action
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NIA M. BARNETT	:	
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TO PRACTICE AS A PROFESSIONAL	:	CONSENT ORDER
COUNSELOR IN THE STATE	:	
NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened before the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") of the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners (hereinafter "the Board") upon review of Ms. Barnett's application for licensure as a Professional Counselor. Ms. Barnett disclosed in her application and in a response to a Demand for Statement Under Oath that she had worked as a counselor in a for-profit setting at the Powell Group, in Maplewood, New Jersey under the supervision of William Powell, LMFT, LCSW. Ms. Barnett

submitted documentation that she performed 4,650 hours of supervised counseling experience from May 2, 2005 to April 23, 2008 at the Powell Group.

Having reviewed the entire record, it appears to the Committee that the applicant has engaged in the unlicensed practice of professional and/or associate counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a), as she does not hold any license which would entitle her to provide such services in a for-profit setting in New Jersey.

It appearing that the applicant desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Committee finding this Consent Order to be adequately protective of the public interest, and other good cause appearing;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010

ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from offering to engage in or engaging in professional and/or associate counseling, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:8B-39(a) unless and until she is licensed by the Committee or otherwise licensed or certified in the State of New Jersey to provide mental health counseling or to engage in professional and/or associate counseling practice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-48.

2. None of the supervised hours performed by Ms. Barnett in any for-profit setting, prior to licensure as an associate counselor, shall count toward the mandatory hours of supervised experience required for licensure as a Professional Counselor.

3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). Payment shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the "State of New Jersey" and sent to

Elaine DeMars, Executive Director, Professional Counselor Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45044, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101. The civil penalty shall be paid simultaneously with the signing of the within Order.

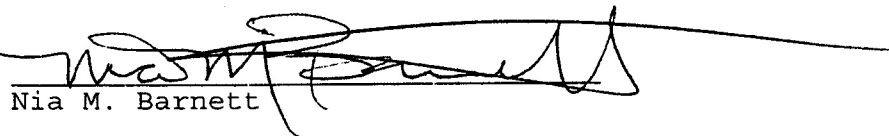
4. Failure to remit payment as required by this Order will result in the filing of a Certificate of Debt and such other proceedings as are permitted by law.

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J. Barry Mascari, Ed.D., LPC
President

I have read the above Order and I understand and agree to abide by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Professional Counselor Examiners Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners to enter this Order.



Nia M. Barnett